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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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1. Claims: 1-13, 15-20

nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a xylose isomerase, host cell transformed with said construct and process for producing ethanol comprising fermenting a medium containing a source of xylose with a transformed host cell.

2. Claim : 14

nucleic acid construct comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a xylulose kinase.

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